

SOARING LIVING COST IGNORED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITY; NO RELIEF

Government Does Not Intend Embargo on Growing Export of Foodstuffs Despite Serious Condition of Market

FARMER HAS AN INNING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—There will be no regulation of exports or of food prices in this country, barring actual famine or war, except to prevent illegal combinations. This statement was made today by a high administration official. Asked whether in view of the high cost of living and the admission that it is caused primarily by the unprecedented exports, regulation of exports and food prices might be possible, this official replied: "Possible, but highly improbable."

Administration officials blame the high cost of living on the war and the resulting demand of Europe for American wheat, meat and goods generally, including the leather that used to go into shoes, now selling for a song that hits high C. They figure that the farmer, after years of getting the worst of it, is economically on top. And they figure, too, that the retailer in any event will "get his"—despite embargoes or regulatory export regulation hit?—several officials asked and they answered their own question, thus: "The farmer."

WESTERN TURKEY SHORTAGE EXPECTED TO BOOST PRICES

Cost May Be 85 Cents a Pound by Holidays

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The turkey will not be the piece de resistance for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners of many persons who are depending upon the Middle West for their birds this year. Dealers here say a tremendous turkey shortage is in prospect and prices at holiday time will be in the neighborhood of 85 cents a pound. Last year the price was 24 cents and the year before 25 cents. Meat prices will be 50 per cent higher in some cases. The receipts of hogs at the stockyards are falling off steadily, and lean, rangy animals from the bulk of the country are being sent to the slaughter. Farmers cannot afford to fatten hogs and beefs because of the high price of grain.

Meanwhile Minneapolis millers announce a 25 per cent increase in prices of certain kinds of spring wheat flour, which they quote at \$9.70 a barrel. Bakers already are predicting 7-cent bread, as the price of wheat continues to climb. Wholesale grocers announce a rise in the price of canned goods. Cost of production has jumped 20 to 50 per cent within the last year, they explain.

PRODUCERS OF TWO COUNTIES ADVANCE MILK TO FIVE CENTS

Cumberland and Dauphin Men Refuse Plea of Dairymen

HARRISBURG, Oct. 25.—The farmers and milk producers of Cumberland and Dauphin Counties at a meeting at Pennington decided to advance the price of milk to five cents a quart for four cents. The change is effective November 1. A delegation of the Dairymen's Association of Harrisburg met with producers, but did not get much consideration. They decided a compromise at 4 1/2 cents a quart. The local association of dairymen announced after the meeting that it will not increase the price of milk beyond eight cents. Some dealers have been selling at seven cents.

CAMDEN MAN HEADS BAPTISTS 18TH TIME

F. Wayland Ayer Chosen President of Convention—Other Officers Are Named

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Oct. 25.—F. Wayland Ayer, of Camden, was re-elected president of the New Jersey Baptist Convention at noon today for the eighteenth time. The Rev. Delavan DeWolf, of Newark, was chosen financial secretary for the twenty-sixth time. Other officers elected were: Vice President, Judson Conklin, Trenton; executive secretary, Raymond M. West, Newark; secretary of education, Frank A. Smith, Elizabeth; secretary of Sunday school and young people's work, Ivan P. Flood, Newark; treasurer, Benjamin F. Fowler, Haddonfield; board of managers, Jacob R. Hall, Howard Eastwood, Walter Lott, Robert Seagraves, S. W. Appleby, Samuel Bryant, A. K. Morris, C. W. Delbert, W. G. Wedeberger, T. W. Evans, Barney S. Hudson, Leon J. Brack, George E. Merrill, C. E. Hench; association members, Camden, William Connor; central, H. A. Bulson; east, R. A. Vose; Monmouth, J. P. Hopping; Morris and Essex, W. H. H. Mount; north, S. W. Fowler; Trenton, A. N. Nettlemann; west, H. G. Dooley.

LIVES THREE WEEKS WITH BACK BROKEN

MINEOLA, L. I., Oct. 25.—After living three weeks with his back broken in three places, Francis Delap, of this place, is dead in Nassau Hospital. Delap was a builder, who had been employed on many of the large estates in Nassau County. Two weeks ago he was working on a house at Nassau boulevard, when he fell. He was rushed to the hospital, where he had a relapse several days ago.

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PRESBYTERIAN BUDGET TO EXCEED \$5,000,000

Church Leaders Foresee Large Increase Due to the War in Europe

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 25.—Ecclesiastical generals of the Presbyterian Church in North America are here in force for a meeting of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly to formulate a budget to cover all Church activities for the coming year, to be submitted to the General Assembly at Dallas, Tex., next year. A total of \$4,500,000 was appropriated here in May last, but it is said that next year's budget may be increased beyond the \$5,000,000 mark to fit the Church for the great burdens upon organized Christianity to follow the close of the war across the sea. Much of the missionary effort in European Turkey will have to be done over again, it is said. The special committee on theological seminaries, which held its first meeting here yesterday, adjourned today without reaching a definite decision as to the courses to be pursued in relation to Union Seminary, New York. If the General Assembly places its ban upon that institution there will be no future field in the Presbyterian Church for its graduates, but that course will not be adopted without a big fight.

BOMB INJURES TWO IN SUBWAY STATION

Machine Planted on New York Track—Blast Just After Train Leaves

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Two persons were injured when the station at 110th street was wrecked by the explosion of a dynamite bomb in the subway today. A southbound train had left the station just two minutes before the explosion and the platform was deserted, otherwise there probably would have been heavy loss of life.

Just how the bomb was placed is not known to the police. It is believed that the person who planted the infernal machine boarded the train that left immediately before the explosion. The shock was so great that Inspector Owen Eagan, of the Bureau of Combustibles, said there must have been more than one bomb.

The explosion could be heard for a mile, and persons living nearby hurried from their homes panic-stricken. The bomb had been placed on the south-bound side of the station. Traffic was tied up for thirty-five minutes. The injured were both subway employees, Charles Eckart, a ticket agent, and Louis Papari, a ticket chopper.

"Weary Willie," Cold, Starts Fire

A "weary Willie" found the third floor rear room of a vacant house at 949 North Fifth street too cold last night. There was no steam heat, nor even a fireplace. So the tramp built a fire on the floor in the corner of the room. He was unable to make the fire "draw" because there was no regulated draft. So when the smoke began to fill the room "weary Willie" had to vacate. The fire, discovered later by a passerby, caused \$40 damage before the fire department arrived and extinguished it.

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INQUIRY COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALL PHASES OF RAILROAD INDUSTRY

Senator Newlands, Chairman of Joint Congressional Body, Invites All Interested Persons to Testify

LABOR AGENTS INVITED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The program for the nation-wide investigation of railroad conditions, ordered during the last session of Congress, was announced today by Senator Newlands, of Nevada, chairman of the joint committee in charge of the inquiry. A letter inviting all interested to appear before the committee was distributed. Senator Newlands, after explaining the resolution authorizing the investigation, says: "The purpose of the committee is to hear the opinions of economists and publicists of eminence; representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission; the National Association of State Railroad Commissioners; State railroad and public utilities commissions; representatives of the railroad executives and labor organizations; representatives of farmers' organizations; farmers, shippers and bankers; representatives of chambers of commerce and other important business and industrial organizations. The program makes it clear that the committee proposes to take up the question of the wages of railroad employees in detail, as well as all other costs. One question set forth for the consideration of witnesses reads: "Whether any regulation is feasible of the wages and hours of employees of common carriers, and whether it is advisable, in the interest of the public and with a view to maintaining uninterrupted commerce between the States, to take any further legislative action regarding the adjustment of disputes between the carriers and their employees and regarding strikes and lockouts. The committee also suggested consideration of questions as to whether the Interstate Commerce Commission is overloaded with duties and whether its jurisdiction should be divided to cover territorial districts; whether the present credit system of the railroads is satisfactory and whether the Federal Government should control the issue of railroad securities; whether Federal incorporation of railroads is feasible and would be advisable.

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Aviation School Employees Say Captain Didn't Answer—He Thought Men Were Waving Greetings

FUNERAL RITES FRIDAY

Failure of a passing tug to recognize signals for aid obliterated all hope of rescue from death of Alexander Brown, wealthy aviation student and former polo player, of Rosemont, after he had plunged into the Delaware River, off Billingsport, N. J., with his hydroaeroplane. Attaches of the Philadelphia Aviation School today criticized the captain of the Red Star tug Bryn Mawr, which passed five minutes after the accident, for not coming to the rescue. Mr. Brown, entangled among the wires of the half-submerged plane, could have been saved had the larger boat come to the assistance of the motorboat which rushed to the rescue, they declared. "I thought they were waving a friendly greeting," said Captain Fred C. Boyer, captain of the tug, which passed within 100 feet of the wreckage. "Surely, I would have gone to their aid if I had known a man was caught under the machine." Arrangements are being made today for the funeral, which will be held Friday.

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